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### Repairs nearly done on Iowa's flood-damaged rails

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More than a year after the floods of 2008 wiped out 17 railroad bridges and hundreds of miles of track, officials say repairs to Iowa's damaged rail lines are nearing completion.

Gov. Chet Culver and U.S. Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, attended a ceremony Monday to announce the reopening of the Iowa Northern Railway Bridge in Waterloo, a nearly \$6 million project to restore rail service over the Cedar River.

The project is the latest in the effort to rebuild parts of Iowa's rail system damaged by last summer's flooding.

A report from the Iowa Department of Transportation says damage to the state's rail system was estimated as high as \$80 million. The cost of those repairs has been paid through a combination of state and federal dollars.